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Jefferson Davis State Historic Site



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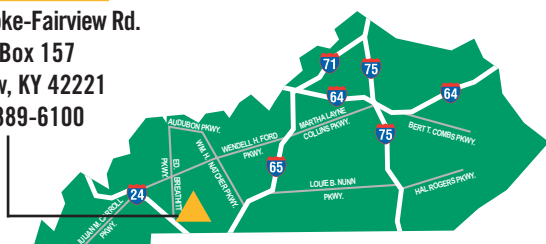
Jefferson Davis State Historic Site is a memorial to the famous Kentuckian born on this site on June 3, 1808. Coincidentally, just eight months later, and not more than 100 miles away, another great Kentucky statesman was born – Abraham Lincoln – who would become Davis' most notable adversary. Although Davis is most well-known for his service as President of the Confederacy during the Civil War, he was actually a reluctant secessionist. Davis distinguished himself as a military and political leader not only during the Civil War, but also as a West Point graduate, Mexican War hero, Mississippi congressman and senator, and Secretary of War during the Franklin Pierce administration.

The Monument: In 1917, construction of the world's tallest concrete obelisk began. The 351-foot obelisk rests on a foundation of solid Kentucky limestone, and contains walls seven feet thick at the base, tapering to two feet thick where the point inclines. An elevator ascends to an observation room for a panoramic view.

Picnicking & Playgrounds: Picnic area, two picnic shelters (near restroom facilities) and a playground.

Gift Shop/Visitor Center: A short DVD presentation and exhibits detail the political life of Davis, the building of the monument and the little known story of the Kentucky "Orphan Brigade." Gift shop features Kentucky handcrafts, souvenirs, books and Civil War memorabilia. Open May 1 through October 31.

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The site and monument are 9 miles east of Hopkinsville on US 68.